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To: Members, Alternates and Consultants of X3.2

Subject: Keyboard Standardization - International

In response to a request from our chairman, Mr. Clamons, I am enclosing three figures which illustrates the difference between:

- (1) the present keyboard now under consideration by Sectional Committee X4,
- (2) the present proposed ISO/TC 95/SC14 keyboard arrangement for applications in which the National usage characters of the ISO/7-bit code are not used for alphabetic extenders and
- (3) the proposed 95/14 keyboard arrangement for the ISO 7-bit code in which the National usage characters are used for alphabetic extenders.

You will notice that the 95/14 arrangement differs from that being considered by the U.S. in that the key containing the question mark (?) and diagonal (/) is interchanged with the key containing the equal sign (=) and the hyphen (-).

ISO/TC 95/SC14 resolutions pertaining to the attached are as follows:

RESOLUTION 13 - KEYBOARD FOR INTERNATIONAL INTERCHANGE

The delegations present accept the two keyboard layouts prepared by an experts group in Paris 20 January 1970, for incorporation in a document entitled "A Keyboard Implementing the Characters of the ISO 7-bit Coded Character Set for International Information Interchange" to be prepared by the secretariat of SC 14 and to be circulated for postal ballot by the members of SC 14. They further request that if the result of such ballot is unanimous the document should be forwarded to the secretariat of TC 95 for processing under the accelerated procedures of ISO.

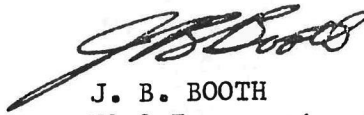
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RESOLUTION 15 - KEYBOARD IMPLEMENTING THE ISO 7-BIT CODE CHARACTER SET
WITH ALPHABETIC EXTENDERS

The delegation request the secretariat of TC95/SC14 to include within the document referred to in Resolution 13 two further Keyboard layout based on figures 2 and 3 of document 95/14N84 with figure 2 amended by the interchange of the characters = (equal) and ____ (underlined) and a note referring to keys 44 and 47 as in document 87, page 3.

Sincerely,



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PROPOSED USA STANDARD
X4-A9/199A
(PARTIAL VIEW)

0 - ~ |

[P] [@] [{] [=]

[L] [+] [*] [}]

[>] [?]

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RESOLUTION *13

(PARTIAL VIEW)

48 KEY

0 ? / ~ |

[P] [@] [{] [=]

[L] [+] [*] [}]

[>] [=]

47 KEY

0 ? / ~ |

[P] [@] [{]

[L] [+] [*] [}]

[>] [=]

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RESOLUTION *15
FOR ALPHABETIC
EXTENDERS

TO BE INCLUDED
IN DOCUMENT
UNDER

RESOLUTION *13
(PARTIAL VIEW)

48 KEY

0 ? / ~ |

[P] [N] [+] [=]

[L] [N] [N] [*]

[>] [=]

NOTE

47 KEY

0 ? / ~ |

[P] [N] [+]

[L] [N] [N] [*]

[>] [=]

NOTE

NOTE: WHILE RETAINING BIT PAIRING THESE CHARACTERS
MAY BE REVERSED ON THE KEYTOP